



TOURNAMENT OF BANDS ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND INFORMATION

ABC6 OFFICIAL PARADE WEBSITE: [LINK](#)

VISIT PHILLY WEBSITE: [LINK](#)

ABC6 PARADE FACEBOOK PAGE: [LINK](#)

ASMB REHEARSAL DROP OFF POINT: [MAP](#)

Camden County Vocational School
343 Berlin Cross Keys Road
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

*PLAN TO ARRIVE FOR 3:00 PM

Park behind school – wait to enter with ASMB Staff

LUGGAGE:

Due to space/travel limitations, please keep packing to a minimum! Use a back pack for personal items/clothes and your uniform in garment bag. Plan to hold your bag and instrument on your lap for bus travel to hotel!

ASMB HOTEL/PICK UP POINT: [MAP](#)

Sheraton Downtown
210 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Students must check-out prior to departure

STAFF/CHAPERONES:

An all-volunteer staff of TOB/TIA/NJA judges will lead your students in this project. Volunteer chaperones will supervise housing and distribution/collection of equipment/uniforms. All adults participating through TOB/TIA/NJA have proper Pennsylvania clearances on file for this event.

PARADE VIEWER PARKING:

Many of our staff/parents have parked in parking deck behind Sheraton, 16th Street/McGhee Rehab OR at Downtown Sheraton. It's a few blocks to parade viewing from there.

TV/WEBSITE VIEWING:

Our tentative TV time is 8:30-9:00 AM block. Pending commercials, celebrity appearances, and other events, we have no guarantee how much coverage we have on network or webcast. We follow lead RED from Fraggie Rock!

NURSE:

We will have a nurse on duty for this event. See additional notes from Mr Taylor.

STUDENT DRIVERS:

We prefer parent/adult drivers drop off students for this event, and not allow students to drive personal vehicles to/from rehearsal/housing.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Mr Jeffrey Dent, TOB Director: 570-660-7165 – cell

Email: tobdirector@njatob.org

Please note – I have voice mail and will return calls, just leave a message.

2015 TOB ASMB AUXILIARY INFORMATION

Below is some important information regarding your participation in the TOB **All-Stars** and the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.

You will be supplied a uniform tunic and head band for the day.

You will **need to bring** the following with you:

- 1) Black dress pants (or black uniform pants if your band wears them) -- no jeans or sweatpants please! Black jazz or yoga pants would be ok, however, they lack warmth.
- 2) Black socks that go at least to your calf
- 3) Black shoes or sneakers -- **must be all black**
- 4) A plain, white turtleneck to wear under your uniform top
- 5) Performance Gloves -- either white or nude in color
- 6) Hair accessories needed to put your hair in a ponytail for the parade with all hair pulled back from your face (you will be supplied a knit head band) Hair spray to keep your hair in place.
- 7) Light make-up application is acceptable -- supply your own and lipstick or lip balm is recommended
- 8) Anything else that you chose to wear under your uniform for warmth, **must not be visible**. Watch the weather forecast and plan accordingly.

Regarding equipment:

-- If you are a member of the rifle line, you will need to bring a white rifle with you for use in the parade. If you do not have one, please let me know ASAP.

-- If you are a member of the flag line, a 6' flag pole and flag will be assigned to you to use in the parade. You will return this when we return to the hotel after the parade.

Everyone is responsible for learning the equipment work **PRIOR** to arriving for parade rehearsal. We have very limited time to work on this. Videos that will teach you the flag and rifle work are located on the TOB website at: [LINK](#)

Rehearsal report time is 3:00 PM. Please come dressed comfortably and in layers, since we will be rehearsing both indoors and outdoors in the evening. Other suggestions to bring to rehearsal include a thermos or bottled water and a snack. Dinner is provided.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

The Auxiliary Staff looks forward to working with you!

Donna Stout, TIA Director and All-Star Auxiliary Coordinator tiadirector@njatob.org
Michelle Adcock, Beth Gensemer, John Taylor, Nick Tavares - staff

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2015 TOB ASMB MUSICIAN INFORMATION

Below is some important information regarding your participation in the TOB All-Stars and the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.

You will be supplied a performance day shako/plume and baldric(sash) for the day.

You must bring your instrument, unless you are in percussion section!

You will **need to bring** the following with you:

- 1) Black uniform pants – not navy, gray, jeans or anything else. Solid black
- 2) Black shoes and socks that go at least to your calf
- 3) Your school uniform jacket as worn by your band
- 4) Performance Gloves -- either white or black with your uniform
- 5) Hair accessories needed to put your hair in a ponytail for the parade with all hair pulled back from your face and under your shako. Off the jacket collar is standard.
- 6) Anything else that you chose to wear under your uniform for warmth, **must not be visible**. Watch the weather forecast and plan accordingly.

Everyone is responsible for memorizing all music posted **PRIOR** to arriving for parade rehearsal. We have very limited time to work on this. All music files are located on the TOB website: [LINK](#)

Rehearsal report time is 3:00 PM. Please come dressed comfortably and in layers, since we will be rehearsing both indoors and outdoors in the evening. Other suggestions to bring to rehearsal include a thermos or bottled water and a snack. Dinner is provided.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

The TOB ASMB Music Staff is looking forward to working with you for this special event!

Mr Ray Troxell, Music tobchapter10@njatob.org
Mr Al Bazzell, Mr Tyler Schwirian – brass
Mr Nicholas Greeson, Ms Deanna Hill – woodwinds

Mr Doug Ferraro, Percussion snaredf@comcast.net
Mr Adam Bailey, Mr Tyree Miller, Mr Adam Street, - percussion

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2015 TOB ASMB SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2015

3:00-3:30 PM	Registration, hand out nametags/lanyards, gather shako, baldric, tunic, shirt size
3:00 PM	Auxiliary, Percussion check-in
3:15 PM	Brass, Woodwinds check-in
3:30 PM	Sectionals – All Ensemble Practice – set by staff on site
5:30 PM	DINNER BY SURF! - in shifts – WW, BR, Percussion, Auxiliary MENU: salad, pasta/sauce, bread/butter, peanut butter, cookies, tea, lemonade energy/granola bars, water NOTE: If you need an alternate dinner – please feel free to bring your own!
6:20-6:50 PM	Finish dinner back to rehearsal
7:00 PM	Parade Block
7:45 PM	Load bus by section – WW, BR, Percussion, Auxiliary
8:00 PM	Depart for Hotel – unload into lobby for check-in/rehearsal
8:45 PM	WW/BR depart to PMoA
9:00 PM	WW/BR rehearsal at PMoA/TV area Percussion sectional Auxiliary Sectional Room Check-in – Logan Room-Lobby Area Pick up keys in the TOB room & check-in at the Sheraton and snack
10:00 PM	WW/BR return for check in
11:00-11:15 PM	Student Room checks by Chaperones
11:15 PM	LIGHTS OUT (No one out of their rooms between 11:15 & 4:30 AM)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2015

FINALE	Auxiliary will be in front stage, on street Musicians will handle big wreath and feather flags(20)
4:15 AM	AUXILIARY WAKE UP!
5:00 AM	Auxiliary walk to rehearsal PMoA– all rooms cleared Breakfast bars for Auxiliary (eat-n-walk)
5:15 AM	MUSICIANS WAKE UP!
6:00 AM	Musicians breakfast – all rooms cleared
6:45 AM	Auxiliary walks to hotel-breakfast Musicians walk to parade start(JFK/20 th)-warm up
7:30 AM	Auxiliary walks to parade start(JFK/20 th)-warm up
8:15 AM	TOB ASMB step off time for parade TOB ASMB is #8 in parade, we are the first band!
8:30-9:00 AM	Approximate TV airtime
9:00 AM	Conclude marching/snacks at the courtyard of the Art Museum, Section, Region, State Full Band pictures Percussion walk back, pack equipment, then return to PMoA(perc staff)
11:30 AM	Perform Finale – assist with equipment pack/step clearing
12:15-1:00 PM	All students and staff return to the Sheraton for dismissal Staff will strip/collect flags/poles, tunics, baldrics, shako/plume, percussion pack and load equipment Students pick up ABC6 shirt/patch/pin The students are dismissed once they turn in their items



Physical Preparation for TOB All-Star Marching Band

John Taylor, DNP, RN-BC, CPN
All Star Band Nurse

Greetings,

I hope you are very excited for your upcoming TOB All Star Marching Band experience! Included in this note are some important tips for staying healthy during your All Star experience.

1. Be Prepared! The rehearsal and parade experience can be tiring as you will pack a lot of activity into a short 24-hour period. You will be standing, walking, and marching for several of the 24 hours you will be with us. To prepare for this, start building up your endurance by doing some light stretching and walking each day. Some of you may have done a good amount of conditioning as part of your fall band season and some of you may have not. Either way, it is important to be prepared for what you will need to do for ASMB.
2. Hydration – There is a common misconception that you do not need to drink as much fluid when it is cold. This is false! You are at the same (if not more) risk for becoming dehydrated during cold weather depending on how much fluid intake you have on a daily basis. Drinking water will help really hydrate all those major muscle groups that can become sore and cramped due to overexertion and cold weather. Hydrated muscles are happy muscles!
3. Sleep – Due to the nature of the ASMB schedule, there minimal time for sleep the night before the parade. Everyone should try to get some extra sleep in during the week prior to the parade. If you are traveling to the parade from outside the immediate area, a nap prior to the rehearsal on Wednesday evening may be a good idea for you.
4. Medications – If you take any kind of medication on a daily basis, please continue to do this during your time with the ASMB as well. We want you to have a great experience and it is important that you take care of yourself here just as you would at home.

NOTE: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEDICAL FORM INFORMATION IS CURRENT!